**Teaching Veterans – a few tips and resources**

**Tips/ideas**

* Veterans often have different funding issues than other students because of the GI Bill and other veteran’s benefits. They may need to use these in a timely manner
* Engage veterans in your class by:
  + using exceptional skills that are very relevant to the geoscience classroom – for example, map/chart reading, use of technology, field experience
  + Using any overseas experiences to contribute firsthand experiences with diverse and interesting geologic settings. (Many helped in the aftermath of the Haiti and/or Japan quakes).
* Give assistance as possible to veterans who have to navigate complex campus administrative systems
* Help veterans who may not know how to find support services to meet their needs
* Offer flexible programming (online, hybrid, in-class) to meet veterans complex needs
* Some veterans will do better in a more structured classroom, perhaps because it mimics the highly structured nature of their previous experience.
* Be aware of issues that Veterans experience with greater frequency than the general population including PTSD, unemployment and disability.

**Resources:**

Strategies for Success: Meeting the Needs of Student Veterans with Post Concussive Symptoms (PCS) and Co-occuring Conditions - A Workshop for Community College Faculty and Staff http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/education/local-offerings/slides/2010/12-2-2010-college-success-program.asp

Growing Problems Iraq, Afghanistan Wars Veterans Face (And What's Being Done) <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/19/iraq-war-mental-health_n_2908903.html>